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Washington, DC 20515

September 8, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

We write to you regarding the FCC's consideration of the proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest. This is a matter of great importance to our constituents, as seventy percent of Oregonians access the Internet and phone service over a Qwest network.

We request further information about the Commission's review of this merger, in light of concerns arising from transactions in Hawaii, New England, and elsewhere. To ensure continuity of service for Oregon customers and businesses, we request the following information:

- What steps is the Commission taking to ensure that the merged company will maintain the current quality of operational and customer service?
- As a rural carrier, CenturyLink has been exempt from adhering to the 14-point "competitive checklist" under section 271 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. What steps is the Commission taking to ensure that the merged company can immediately provide non-discriminatory access of acceptable quality and quantity to competing carriers?

We would appreciate a prompt and thorough reply to ensure that Oregonians continue to access high-quality telecommunications service.


Sincerely,



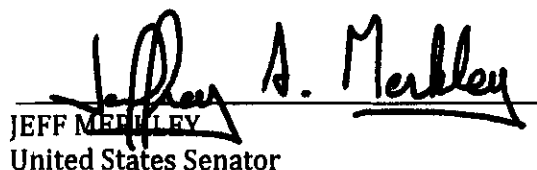
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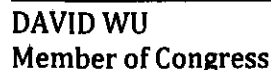
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United States Senator



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November 4, 2010

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Blumenauer:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I understand your concerns regarding the potential impact of this transaction on the state of Oregon, including its impact on consumers, broadband investment, and telecommunications employees.

The issues that you highlight in your letter – ensuring that the merged company will maintain the current quality of operational and customer service and immediately provide nondiscriminatory access of acceptable quality and quantity to competing carriers – also have been raised by the parties to this proceeding. Since these issues are part of the Commission's active review of the transaction, I cannot provide specific answers to your questions, but be assured that your letter has been placed in the record for further review. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications, and will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer under the Communications Act.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. If you have any remaining concerns, or if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman DeFazio:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I understand your concerns regarding the potential impact of this transaction on the state of Oregon, including its impact on consumers, broadband investment, and telecommunications employees.

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
107 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I understand your concerns regarding the potential impact of this transaction on the state of Oregon, including its impact on consumers, broadband investment, and telecommunications employees.

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The Honorable David Wu
U.S. House of Representatives
2338 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Wu:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I understand your concerns regarding the potential impact of this transaction on the state of Oregon, including its impact on consumers, broadband investment, and telecommunications employees.

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
223 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I understand your concerns regarding the potential impact of this transaction on the state of Oregon, including its impact on consumers, broadband investment, and telecommunications employees.

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